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AMENDMENTS

In the Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A method of asynchronous communication by a plurality of users via a network of interconnected computers, comprising:
selecting, at a client site, a file and capturing said file as an image file;
annotating a portion of the image file with an annotation;
creating, at said client site, an audiovisual message, said audiovisual message relating to
said file **annotation**, said creating comprising capturing digital information;
appending said image file and said audiovisual message to achieve a combined message;
and
electronically delivering said combined message to at least one of said plurality of users.
2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said electronically delivering comprises streaming said digital information via said network.
3. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising creating a reply record, said reply record having audiovisual material, said reply record being in response to said combined message.
4. (Original) The method of claim 3, wherein said reply record is created by one of said plurality of users, and further wherein said one of said plurality of users annotates said image file.
5. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, ~~further comprising wherein~~ **annotating further comprises** annotating at least a portion of said image file using a cursor-based highlighter.
6. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said creating comprises accessing a user interface, said user interface having stateful buttons.

7. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said selecting further comprises activating said image file for editing.

8. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said electronically delivering comprises transmitting said combined message to a central server for storage and further transmission.

9. (Currently Amended) A method of creating and delivering an electronic audiovisual message via a network of computing means, comprising:
capturing at least a portion of an electronic document as an image file;
annotating said image file;
creating said electronic audiovisual message, said electronic audiovisual message regarding the annotating of said image file ~~said electronic document~~;
combining said annotated image file and said electronic audiovisual message into a combined message; and
delivering said combined message to at least one desired recipient via said network.

10. (Original) The method of claim 9, further comprising replying to said combined message via said network, wherein said replying comprises creating an audiovisual reply designated for insertion at a predetermined point in said combined message.

11. (Original) The method of claim 10, wherein said replying comprises delivering said audiovisual reply with an address pointer indicative of said predetermined point.

12. (Original) The method of claim 9, wherein said delivering comprises storing said combined message at a remote location and sending an electronic notification having a uniform resource locator corresponding to said location.

13. (Original) The method of claim 9, wherein said delivering comprises streaming said combined message to said at least one desired recipient via the Internet.

14. (Cancelled)

15. (Cancelled)

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18. (Cancelled)

19. (Cancelled)

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21. (Cancelled)

22. (Cancelled)

23. **(Currently Amended)** A machine-readable storage medium comprising a set of instructions executable by a computer system to implement a method, the method comprising:
providing a graphical user interface to allow a user to select desired content as an image file;
permitting said user to annotate said image file with an annotation;
capturing audiovisual material responsive to said image file annotation as a digital file;
pairing said digital file and said annotated file as a combined file; and
delivering said combined file to at least one desired location via said computer system.

24. **(Original)** The computer program product of claim 23, wherein the machine readable storage medium includes any of magnetic storage medium, including disk and tape storage medium; optical storage medium, including compact disk memory and digital video disk storage medium; nonvolatile memory storage memory; volatile storage medium; and modulated, electronic signals.